The Saturday News

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Note and Comment.

The Strathcona Plaindealer, a supporter of the Liberal government, tenders the postmaster-general some excellent advice:

"He must know" it says "that as far as the people are concerned, and election campaigns too, surpluses in the post office department do neither him or his party any good. What the people want is efficient mail service, a service that pays its way but accumulates no profit. The profits should be in increased business and satisfaction to the public."

Conservatives are, just at present, somewhat lacking in effective issues on which to appeal to the western electorate and if they are wise, they will ring the changes, when the time comes, on the question of postal service. All the talk about efficient administration will go for little in face of the loss and inconvenience which the western public has had to sustain. Dr. McIntyre M.P. has been exerting himself to secure an improvement and in a letter to the Vegreville Observer states that an extra postal railway superintendent has been sent west, who will shortly be followed by another. If he has really succeeded in stirring the department up, he is entitled to not a little thanks. But when we consider of what long standing the complaints are, the department's tardiness is nothing short of a disgrace.

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The discovery of a lock of Charles Dickens' hair has aroused considerable interest in Toronto. E. S. Williamson, president of the Dickens' fellowship, has had for some years in his possession the gold watch of the novelist's third son, Francis Jeffrey, and it was in a secret recess that the discovery was made. Young Dickens was an inspector of the mounted police and is remembered by many old-timers throughout Alberta. He was a member of the force during the Rebellion and played an active part. His death occurred a few years after.

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Such addresses as that delivered by Dr. Riddell of Alberta College, before the Canadian Club on Monday serve an excellent purpose in maintaining an interest in educational problems. He emphasized the need of keeping in touch with practical requirements but issued a warning against the tendency to go too far in that direction and neglect the pure culture subjects. Our educational authorities have a great chance in this new province to profit by the experience and the mistakes of the older ones.

Albertans in the Public Eye.

MR. H. W. MCKENNEY, M.P.P.

A half-century has passed since the member for St. Albert arrived in the Canadian West and his address at the Speaker's dinner last Friday evening in response to the toast of the old-timers, replete as it was with reminiscences, was given the closest attention to. Mr. McKenney came to the Red River Colony with his father when a mere boy. Twenty-four years ago he came further west and settled at St. Albert. For four years past he has been a citizen of Edmonton.

He was closely associated with those who took a large part in the early life on the Red River. He was a nephew of Sir John Schultz and a brother-in-law of Charles Mair, the author of "Tecumseh," now a citizen of Lethbridge. In the course of his speech he referred to the visit of the poet Whittier to the late Archbishop Tache of St. Boniface and quoted one of the stanzas of his famous poem "The Red River Voyageur. It is well worth while reproducing the poem in full:

Out and in the river is winding
The links of its long, red chain
Through belts of dusky pineland
And gusty leagues of plain.

Only at times, a smoke-wreath
With the drifting cloud-rack joins
The smoke of the hunting-lodges
Of the wild Assiniboines!

Drearily blows the north wind
From the land of ice and snow;
The eyes that look are weary,
And heavy the hands that row.

And with one foot on the water,
And one upon the shore,
The Angel of Shadow gives warning
That day shall be no more.

Is it the clang of the wild-geese,
Is it the Indian's yell, [wind
That lends to the voice of the north-
The tones of a far off bell?

The voyageur smiles as he listens
To the sound that grows apace;
Well he knows the vesper ringing
Of the bells of St. Boniface.

The bells of the Roman mission
That call from their turrets twain,
To the boatmen on the river
To the hunter on the plain!

Even so in our mortal journey
The bitter north winds blow;
And thus upon Life's Red River,
Our hearts, as oarsmen, row.

And when the Angel of Shadow
Rests his feet on wave and shore
And our eyes grow dim with watching
And our hearts faint at the oar;

Happy is he who heareth
The signal of his release
In the bells of the Holy City
The chimes of eternal peace!

That this is exquisite poetry all will agree and valuable as serving to constantly recall a most interesting period in western development. In one respect, however, Mr. McKenney points out the Quaker poet took poetic license. He refers to "belts of dusky pineland," As a matter of fact there are no pinetrees on the banks of the river throughout its entire length.

Mr. McKenney has seen great changes in Western Canada, and delights to recall conditions as they were in the old times. But in the present he is taking a very active part and should have many years of future usefulness still ahead of him.

The C.P.R. situation is looking brighter. A conference held between the city commissioners and Messrs Whyte, Aikins, Jameson and Brooks led the former to issue a statement to the effect that they were hopeful of reaching a solution at an early date. Details as yet are not available. The mass of citizens are undoubtedly anxious for a settlement, and while they do not believe that the municipality should be called upon to make any great sacrifices, they are not disposed to be unreasonable. They want a subway on Jasper avenue and they want the passenger deck on the high level bridge and to obtain these, concessions will have to be made.

In the meanwhile Mr White has been gladdening the hearts of the people across the river by telling them what the company is going to do for them. Strathcona will be a second Calgary, with a $20,000.00 station, round houses, divisional headquarters and a big pay roll. There is nothing particularly new about this as the ratepayers passed a by-law last summer agreeing to pay some $50,000 for these advantages. But Mr Whyte knows that you cannot talk to people too much about a good thing. That there will be a very substantial growth of population on the south bank goes without saying, but there is no sign of any jealousy on Edmonton's part over its neighbor's good fortune. Situated as they are, what builds up one should build up the other and with high level communication in prospect, they must become before long to all intents and purposes one city, which inside of ten years, the Saturday News ventures to say, will be the largest west of Winnipeg.

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Alderman Gariepy has brought up the question of a public library and a committee consisting of himself, Ald. Walker and Ald. McCauley is investigating it. It is not too soon to take the project up in earnest. The time has long gone by for debating whether a municipality is justified in establishing a library or not. It is almost universally recognized as a distinct public need. Objection may fairly be taken to the character of some of the books that it circulates. Why should the people be furnished with light literature, which does nothing but amuse, and not with free concerts and free dramatic entertainments? But books of reference and all that serve an educational purpose the municipality should undoubtedly supply.

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Medicine Hat has decided to engage a publicity commissioner of experience, John T. Hall of Hamilton, with whom Calgary was dickering for some time. The gas city has certainly many advantages to advertise and it is taking the right course in securing a thoroughly competent man to carry on the work for it.

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President Roosevelt is endeavouring to take away the use of the mails from the newspapers which are publishing the details of the Thaw case. "The Tattle of the Tenderloin" was the way in which Jerome described the evidence which the defence is placing before the court and needless to say, the yellow journals are making the most of their opportunity. From present appearances, Thaw will escape the electric chair. The court is evidently allowing the defence the privilege of presenting everything that will serve to prejudice the jury against the dead man. They, of course, are expected to reach the conclusion that the world is better off without White and that his slayer is in a sense a public benefactor. But the application of this principle is a very dangerous one and if it is made effective, we shall have more cases of young men taking the law into their own hands than is for the good of society. Further than this there are the Thaw millions to buck up against and a person doesn't need to be a cynic to admit that these must prove a very powerful factor in the case.

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Hon. Mr. Hyman has withdrawn his resignation as Minister of Public Works and will run again for his old seat in London. That he will be returned again, the Saturday News hasn't the shadow of a doubt. Grossly corrupt as the methods were which were employed to elect him two years ago, the people of the constituency know that those used on the other side were not one whit better. Besides they are not likely to surrender the advantage of being represented by a cabinet minister.

With the Investors.

So many diverse reports have been given to the world regarding the flow of natural gas on the Athabasca River that the following from the report of Thomas Denis, which has just been issued at Ottawa is of great interest. Mr. Dennis was commissioned by the Geological Survey to make a report in regard to the gas and oil resources of the west.

"A few years ago the Geological Survey put down a bore hole on the Athabaska river, at Pelican portage, some 125 miles from Athabaska Landing. At 800 feet the drill struck a strong flow of natural gas, and drilling operations were abandoned. The flow continued and the well has been burning since. Owing to reports on the part of travellers and traders, that the flame attained great heights and that a large supply of natural fuel was going to waste, Mr Denis was instructed to make a thorough examination of the well, and to report on the advisability of taking steps towards extinguishing it and plugging it at the seat of the casing.

"On examination it was found that the reports had been greatly exaggerated. The gas escapes out of the ground through a four-inch pipe, and the flame, by actual measurements, taken on the second of August, in calm weather, did not exceed a height of fifteen feet. According to the storekeeper for Messrs Revillon Brothers at the Portage the well has repeatedly been extinguished and relighted by Indians and bushmen, showing that this operation does not present much difficulty.

"From all appearance the casing is in bad condition. It is improbable that anything would be gained by stopping the flow of gas. The well is comparatively shallow, and if the previous reports as to volume of flame had any foundation, then the well is decreasing at a rapid rate, either owing to the exhaustion of the gas pocket, or the partial filling up of the bore hole, by the caving of the sides.

"The effect of this escape of gas on an underground supply would, moreover, be insignificant as compared with the escape from 'natural gas springs,' which occur at several places lower down the Athabasca River, and which certainly have the same origin, and come to the surface through fissures in the rock. Of these, Mr. McConnell in his report on the district says, that 'Some of the jets burn steadily when lighted, until extinguished by heavy rains or strong wind, and afford sufficient heat to cook a camp meal.' When it is realized that this has been going on for geological ages, within a few miles of the Pelican Rapids well, the quantity of gas which has come out of this bore hole is entirely insignificant.

"During the course of the summer, two drilling rigs were shipped down the Athabaska to bore for oil in the vicinity of Fort McMurray. The results of their operations will be awaited with great interest."

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James K. Cornwall has made another important deal in Calgary real estate by purchasing from David McDougall 28 acres adjacent to Riverside, just across the Langevin bridge. Mr. McDougall has reserved a site on the property as a home for himself.

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Strathcona expects a season of great activity. The Plaindealer says that buildings of the value of $500,000 are in prospect. Some of them are as follows:

Municipal Hospital	50,000
City Hall	50,000
Collegiate Institute	60,000
New C.P.R. Station	20,000
C.P.R. Terminals	150,000
La Force's New Hotel	20,000
Bank of Commerce	20,000
Brewery Improvements	70,000
Oddfellows' Block	20,000
Presbyterian Church	30,000

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At the annual meeting of the A. R. & I. Co. in London, England, Col. Wodehouse was re-elected a director by special resolution, and by a second resolution the following directors were re-elected: E. T. Galt, A. M. Nanton, E. S. Clouston, J. Galt Burdett-Coutts, M.P.; J. H. Dodgson, W. M. Ramsay, and E. Waterhouse. The resolution as to these latter directors was seconded by C. Lock, who in the course of his remarks said: "I have been connected with this company from its very inception, and I know what a dark and dreary time it passed through for the shareholders and all who were interested in it in its early history. I know also that the present position is due entirely to the initiative of those directors who were on the Board then. We have had some new ones appointed since, but our present position is due to the foresight and acumen of these directors. Our property consists of a colliery and a large track of prairie, which was practically unremarkable, and with which nothing could be done. Those gentlemen conceived the idea of tapping the waters of the adjacent rivers: and irrigating the property, with the result that land which was unsaleable at any price has been converted into property selling at $13, and now at $20. On the prairie the back-land has been rendered somewhat more accessible and valuable for agriculturists and pastoralists. These results are due in my opinion entirely to the conception of the irrigation scheme and the credit for that scheme rests on the shoulders of Mr. Galt and the gentlemen who sit here."

The remuneration of the directors for the year ended June 30th, 1906, was fixed at £2,000 and a similar amount was voted then for the current year.

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Creditors have foreclosed on the Red Deer Mill and Elevator Co. A change of managers and the attendant disorganization is said to be responsible. The machinery is under lien to the Stratford Milling Co., the wheat and flour are held by the Bank of Commerce and the buildings are held by the municipality as security for a $10,000 loan. The prospects for the enterprise are believed to be excellent and it is thought the mill will soon be running again

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The City coal property on the river bank east of the city, composing 640 acres of coal rights and five acres of surface, has been sold by Harper, Coe and Brenton to the Munns Co. of Toronto. The price is said to be in the neighbourhood of $30,000. One result of the transaction is likely to be the undertaking of operations on a more extensive scale.

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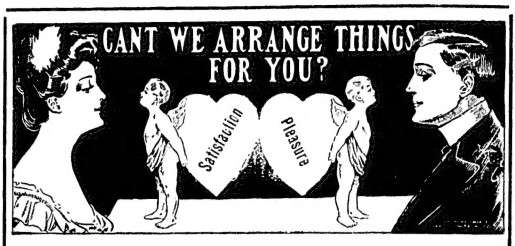

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HUDSON'S BAY STORES

Personal.

The Toronto Globe of recent date had the following: "Members of the various branches of the Provincial Treasury Department on Saturday presented Mr. George William Duncan, the cashier, who is resigning that position, with a handsome travelling bag. Mr. C. H. Sproule, assistant treasurer, who made the presentation, accompanied it with a fitting expression of good wishes of himself and the other members of the staff, and the recipient replied appropriately. Mr. Duncan entered the provincial civil service in 1887, and was promoted to be cashier in the treasury department several years ago. He is very popular with all branches of the service, and his decision to leave it is a cause of general regret. He is going to Edmonton, where he will become a partner in the firm of Duncan Bros. & Butters, general storekeepers."

Mr. and Mrs. C. Campbell Benson and Messrs. Preston and Sutherland reached Edmonton last week from the Peace River country.

R. S. Robertson, of the Alberta Lumber Company, is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

On the evening of February 1st the members of the Leduc Board of Trade tendered a banquet to an honored pioneer resident of the town, William Douglas, at the Hotel Waldorf. Some seventy-five guests were present., C. A. E. Simonds occupying the chair.

One hundred and fifty members of the Elks attended the performance of Prof. McEwen at the opera house on Monday evening and were delighted with the entertainment afforded. Later an elaborate banquet was held in his honor at the Prince Arthur Cafe.

The friends of Mr. Tinning, manager of the Union Bank of Canada here, will be pleased to learn that he is steadily improving from his very serious illness. McLeod Gazette.

Dr. Tierney, of St. Albert, has returned from a visit of several weeks to eastern hospitals.

City Engineer Keely arrived in Edmonton on Saturday night after two months spent in the study of municipal problems in the east.

J. K. Macdonald, of the firm of Wallbridge & Macdonald, is steadily improving after his serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pattison, of White Whale Lake, have returned from Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

J. B. Saunders, C.E., has gone to Lac la Bonnet, Manitoba, to engage in engineering in connection with the large power project at that point.

A. Archibald, druggist, has gone to California for five weeks.

C. Lucas, a prominent merchant of Hong Kong, has been a visitor to Edmonton during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon returned on Monday from a honeymoon trip to Seattle, Wash., Vancouver, Victoria and other British Columbia points. As would be expected, they had a very pleasant trip.—Vegreville Observer.

A farewell banquet was tendered J. C. Walker of the Imperial Bank, Strathcona, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill, on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Walker has been transferred to a post in British Columbia.

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Omer St. Germain has returned from a two months' trip to Quebec.

G. H. Brenner, one of the pioneers of Cranbrook, will leave this week for Edmonton, where he expects to make his home in the future. Mr. Brenner was one of the early merchants of Cranbrook, and his family has grown from boyhood to manhood in this town. Mrs. Brenner has taken a prominent part in social and church affairs in this city for years, and her absence will be keenly felt by a large circle of friends and admirers. In fact, the departure of the Brenner family from Cranbrook seems like taking one of the corner posts of the town away.—Cranbrook Herald.

Dr. Boulanger came in from Athabasca Landing at the first of the week.

The death occurred at Misericordia hospital on Tuesday of Mrs. Emery, wife of Sergt.-Major Emery of the R.N.W.M.P. at the Fort. Her former home was in Moosomin, where she was married seven years ago. Death was due to an operation, the results of which were at first very favorable and her sudden demise is a cruel shock to numerous friends. To her husband sincere sympathy will be tendered.

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F. T. Fisher, secretary of the Board of Trade, is attending the annual meeting of the Western Canadian Immigration Association in Winnipeg this week.

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With the Investor

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EDMONTON REAL ESTATE.

The coming season is likely to see a considerable extension of the business section of the city along Jasper Avenue west. J. E. Wize, the well-known architect, will erect a new business block, 108 by 97, on the south side between Sixth and Seventh Streets. It will be four stories high, with full basement. It will contain four large stores, 25 by 96, and 138 offices, and will be fitted up with all modern improvements. The cost will be about $50,000 and it is expected that it will be completed about September 1st. Mr. Wize's enterprize in erecting such a building so far west shows his abundant faith in the future of the city and particularly in its growth in that direction.

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On the other side of the street at the north-east corner of Sixth, Robert Tegler has bought property giving 106⅔ feet on Jasper the price of which was $35,000. Mr. Tegler may put up a building thereon.

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John McLeman and John Kelly, who own the lots just to the east of Mr. Tegler's property, expect to erect buildings thereon during the summer.

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It is understood that David McDougall will erect a two storey brick building, 100 feet square, on the property now occupied by Travis-Barker as an exchange mart on McDougall street south.

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A new real estate office under the name of the City Realty Co. has been opened on Queen's Avenue. E. Withinshaw, lately connected with E. W. Davis & Co. is manager.

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Magrath, Hart & Co. have sold lot 9, block 68, on Whyte Avenue, Strathcona, occupied by the Great West Saddlery Co., between the Post Office and the Bank of Commerce for $10,000. A year ago it sold for $6,000.

The Mirror.

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tremely stylish bodice. Her ornaments were pearls and diamonds.

The guest of honor wore a rich black costume with hat to correspond, and quite won all hearts by her delightfully sweet and unaffected manner, and her charmingly interesting personality.

In the tea room, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Ewing and several others, whose names have just escaped me, passed the delicious dainties, the table being a veritable spring poem, done all in white and green, a lovely little basket of lily-of-the-valley centreing the handsome lace tea cloth, while green shaded candlesticks sent a faint cool glow on the ices, candies, cakes and creams, all evolved in the same artistic tones.

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Mrs. F. M. Morgan will receive for the first time Wednesday 20th at the King Edward and afterwards on the first and third Wednesdays.

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Mrs. Curzon Dobell held her first reception in her new home on Fifteenth St. on Thursday. Mrs. Day gave a small bridge the same evening. Mrs. H. W. B. Douglas held her post-nuptial reception on that day. Mrs. Ewing is entertaining two tables at bridge on Saturday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Short, and with that my news ends. It has been a tremendously busy week, and to quote a small boy friend of mine, "I am all in."

Peggy

About Town

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Strathcona Board of Trade has elected the following officers:

President—Mr. G. W. Marriott.
Vice-President—Dr. Fuller.
Treasurer—Mr. A. M. Fuller.
Council—W. H. Sheppard, Arthur Pierson, S. Q. O'Brien, J. M. Douglas, Dr. Archibald, J. W. Blain, O. Bush and Hugh Duncan.

It has been decided to appoint a permanent secretary to whom a salary of $1000 a year will be paid.

While engaged in extinguishing a small fire in the Alberta Hotel sample rooms on Tuesday morning, an extinguisher, which Fireman Thomas Lauder, a former chief of the Volunteer Brigade, was carrying, exploded. Mr. Lauder had three ribs broken and was seriously injured internally. The promptness of the brigade undoubtedly saved the building.

A runaway team of horses ran into a a sleigh, in which were Mr. and Mrs. Ackroyd of Strathcona, on Fourth Street, Edmonton, Monday. Mrs. Ackroyd was thrown out and sustained several severe cuts, being rendered unconscious. Her husband's injuries were slight. No bells were attached to the runaway team, so that they could not be heard coming.

It has been decided to hold the Edmonton exhibition from July 1st to July 4th. H. R. Mountfield will act again as secretary-treasurer and Messrs Daly and McPherson as a prize list committee. A public meeting will be held on Feb. 25th at 3 p.m., to appoint a committee to arrange for the fair.

The spring rush has already commenced Last Saturday night twenty-six settlers from England, one from Colorado and one from Michigan arrived at the Immigration office.

J. McLeod Holiday, the well-known smallware wholesaler, of Winnipeg, has opened a permanent sample room in the Crystall block with G. Gurney Walker in charge.

The Russian citizens of Edmonton are preparing for a concert to be given in the Opera House early in March, which will be of particular interest, as giving an unusual opportunity for the people in general to hear something of the character and customs of this important section of our western Canadian population. National songs and recitations will be delivered and Mr. Gowda now has a large chorus in training for the event. The proceeds will be in aid of the Greek Orthodox Church funds.

It is expected that the postal delivery service will be instituted at an early date.

The mail for Fort Resolution left on Wednesday.

The Edmonton council has decided to take up the option on the Gibbons property. On the river three miles west of the city, as the site for the waterworks pumping station. It will cost $25,000. A six foot seam of coal has been discovered at a depth of 35 feet below low water mark.

The latest sites, recommended for the incinerator are on 9th and 10th streets each in the second block north of Jasper.

The Young Liberal mock Parliament meets on Monday, with G. B. McLeod as premier and Dr. Strong leader of the opposition.

At a largely attended meeting of the Edmonton Presbyterians on Wednesday, it was agreed to petition for a division of the field at present covered by that body. The line would run somewhere in the vicinity of Beaver Hill, and the two new presbyteries thus formed would be known as Edmonton and Vermillion. The present territory is found to be too extended. Rev. James Harcourt, of Mhow, India, delivered a most interesting address in the evening on his work in the foreign field.

It is expected that the Isolation Hospital will be ready for occupation by the end of February.

Captain Mills, who is to superintend the erection of a new H. B. steamer on the Mackenzie River, has returned to Edmonton from the east. The boiler for the new craft has arrived here and will be taken north in the spring.

Mrs. George Gray left Innisfail with her husband and two children for England for the benefit of her health. Word has now come of her death before they reached their destination.

Wm. Short, of the firm of Short, Cross & Biggar, returned from a six weeks' trip to Eastern Canada on Wednesday.

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The Speaker's Dinner.

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Hon. Mr. Fisher's popularity as Speaker of the House was fully attested to at the second annual dinner which he tendered to the members and representative citizens of Edmonton on Friday evening last at the Prince Arthur. The affair was in every respect a most enjoyable one A striking feature was to be found in the speeches delivered by the old-time politicians present, including Dr. Brett, of Banff, Dr. Cafierty, of Calgary, Warden Macaulay of he penitentiary, Mr. McKenney, Mr. Rosenroll and Mr. Simpson. The personal good feeling that exists among political opponents in Alberta was brought strongly into evidence. Mr. Fisher proposed the health of his old opponent, Dr. Brett, and Mr. Cross that of Mayor Griesbach, the Conservative candidate in Edmonton in the last election. The members of the cabinet and Mr. Robertson and Mr. Hiebert were among the principal speakers, and their references to one another all showed an excellent spirit. The happiness in store for Mr. Speaker at an early date was a subject of frequent reference and all joined in extending to him the warmest congratulations on the impending event.

C. B. Bowman, of Lethbridge, has resigned the secretary-treasurership of the municipality after holding the post for ten years to devote himself wholly to his own business. He has been a resident of Lethbridge for nearly 20 years and has been a most capable official.

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EDMONTON
FEB. 18 TO MARCH 2

Live animals will be brought into the class room for demonstration purposes and a corps of competent instructors will be in attendance at each meeting to give full instructions as to desirable and undesirable conformations of the various animals.

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PROGRAMME

FIRST WEEK.

TUESDAY—Pure bred Beef Cattle.
WEDNESDAY—Grade Beef Cattle.
THURSDAY—Grade Beef Cattle, Block Tests.
FRIDAY—Sheep and Swine.
SATURDAY—Swine, Block Test.

SECOND WEEK.

MONDAY—Dairy Cattle.
TUESDAY—Light Horses.
WEDNESDAY—Light and Heavy Horses.
THURSDAY—Heavy Horses.
FRIDAY—Judging Contest.

Two carloads of stock picked from the best in the Province will be used at the school for demonstration purposes. Besides this, the best animals locally will be secured.

An admission fee of One Dollar will be charged each regular student. This money will form a fund out of which prizes will be awarded to those doing the best work at the judging contest at the close of the school.

GEO. HARCOURT,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture
Edmonton, Feb. 5, 1907.

Sunny Alberta.

A Canadian Club has been organised in Calgary with the following officers:

President—W. L. Walsh, K.C.
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And the following committee of seven: Messrs. R. A. Brocklebank, J. Young Byers, Wm. Pearce, E. W. Hamber, James Short, E. G. Dewey, Dr. Stewart.

John Donahue, who just came to Calgary as a member of the Mounted Police in 1882, was found dead in bed last week. He was the former owner of the Alberta and Windsor Hotels.

R. A. Chocquette, formerly of Regina, has been appointed superintendent of construction of the Bell Telephone Company for Alberta, with headquarters at Calgary.

The Public Works committee in Calgary is working out the details of a street car system, which would cost about $200,000.

Mr. A. D. McKenzie, Penhold, states with reference to the action against him for misappropriation of trust funds by Mr. A. F. Nellson, that he had practically nothing to do with the original transaction which took place between Mr. Nellson and Mr. Bethune. The action was directed against him, he says, because there were money transactions between him and Mr. Bethune as to the procuring of land for Mr. Nellson, and he became in a measure responsible for the claim against Mr. Bethune.—Red Deer Advocate.

The roof of the skating rink at Red Deer collapsed on Friday morning owing to the weight of snow and the whole building is a wreck.

Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe has been chosen as bandmaster of the Red Deer band.

Rev. Benjamin Goodfield, late of Cranbrook, has assumed the pastorate of the Red Deer Baptist Church.

It has been decided in Calgary to hold the annual fair July 9, 10, 11 and 12. Recognizing the fact that the Calgary district is rapidly becoming a grazing country, and that the range is passing, large prizes will be put up for dairy cattle, as well as the usual prizes for beef cattle.

The Board of Trade at Leduc has arranged for a series of lectures on public questions. Mayor Gaetz of Red Deer and Mayor Griesbach of Edmonton will deliver the first two.

Rev. G. C. J. White, a former pastor of Lethbridge Baptist Church has offered to contribute $500 towards wiping off the church debt of $2,000, provided the congregation raises the balance.

At the annual meeting of the Lacombe Board of Trade, the following officers were chosen: Hon. Pres., W. F. Puffer, M. P. P.; Pres., E. W. McMullen; Vice-President, A. Urquhart; Secy-Treas., John McKenty.

The Presbyterians of Pincher Creek have extended a call to Rev. John McLean of Nanton.

A German homesteader, named Pankey, living in the Content district about 30 miles east of Red Deer, was killed while mining coal. He had failed to put up supports in the tunnel in which he was operating.

The finance committee of the Calgary council have purchased for hospital purposes two acres of land and a nine roomed house, situated on the hill north of the Bow river and east of the Edmonton trail. The building will be used for small-pox cases, should that epidemic reach Calgary.

The Merchants Bank in Vegreville is now doing business in its new building.

A company has been formed to build a telephone line from Vegreville north, the provisional directors of which are: Wm. Parker, Wm Clements, Thos. Watt, of Pozerville, S. A. Richardson, of Whitford, T. W. Shipley, H. R. Pozer, and F. W. Ervin. Secretary-Treas., pro tem, A. H. Middleton. The company proposes to construct and operate a telephone line from Vegreville to Brosseau with a further proposal to construct a branch line in the near future from Warwick to Soda Lake and Whitford. Whether the Government assists the project or not makes little odds, says the Observer. The line will be built.

On Feb. 26th, the ratepayers of Wetaskiwin will vote on by-laws to expend $90,000 on a waterworks and $50,000 on a sewage system.

The house of Mr. Erickson at Stettler has been purchased by Miss McIntyre and after extensive alterations will be used for hospital purposes.

A mass of evidence was taken at the investigation into the cause of the fire, which destroyed the Alberta and Royal Hotels at Stettler. It has been forwarded to the Attorney-General's department.

Over a hundred Nanton citizens held up a C. P. R. train which stopped at that station for water on Tuesday of last week and uncoupled a car of coal, the contents of which they proceeded to take possession of.

Dr. George of Innisfail has received an important addition to his museum in the shape of two Boer Mauser rifles, forwarded to him by the war office.

The Grand Lodge of Orangemen will hold their annual session in Innisfail on March 14th next. It is expected that about 80 delegates will attend from Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

A one-day strike tied up the railway line from Frank to Grassy Mountain. The men asked for the C. P. R. schedule. Whether they got it or not is not announced but the trouble was adjusted.

George Thompson, a negro homesteader, was frozen to death while walking into Ponoka from his home, nine miles to the east of the town. He had lost the trail.

While Mr. and Mrs. J. Redford, who live west of Olds, were out spending the evening, the lamp that they had left burning exploded and the house was soon a mass of flames. Their two little daughters managed to get outside with difficulty, their clothing being scorched. It was a cold night and the youngest had her hands frozen by the time they reached the house where their parents were, a mile and a half away. The building was a total loss.

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Raymond citizens tendered R. H. McDuffee an elaborate banquet at the Raymond Hotel on Feb. 1st, when he was presented with a gold headed ebony walking stick. Mr. McDuffee has been a most valued citizen of Raymond.

The Innisfail Institute is now in full operation in the building formerly occupied by Curry Bros.

Jas. Howell McKay, son of D. J. McKay, of Lethbridge, was killed by the fall of a tree in a lumber camp at Canner, Washington.

Lethbridge has a Chinese Masonic Lodge. At an initiation ceremony the other night, the Grand Master of the Order, a well-known oriental from Cranbrook, was present.

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Looking Backwards.

An Alberta Historical Society is in process of formation, a number of Edmonton citizens having taken the initiative at an informal conference on Monday night. A general meeting will be held the week after next to complete organization. The new body will have a wide and a fascinating field of labor before it and should be of great value. The province is not yet two years old and it is only within very recent times that it has attracted the attention of the world, but its historical records go back several centuries. As the attorney-general in his speech in the Legislature on the capital question pointed out, Edmonton was a political centre before Toronto was. It was the seat of the government of the Hudson's Bay Company for a vast stretch of territory before Governor Simcoe picked upon Muddy York as the capital of Upper Canada. But a full century before the time of which Mr. Cross spoke of, when Edmonton sprang into existence, Fort Chippewyan, 450 miles north of the present city and still removed from it by a long and toilsome journey of some weeks' duration, was a place of importance. Here, as Mr. John A. McDougall and Mr. H. B. Round pointed out on Monday night, are now to be found the most complete Hudson's Bay records in this part of the Dominion. When the Battle of Waterloo was being fought, that company's employees were carrying on its business in the most remote corners of the continent. A year after that epoch-making engagement, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, at a Fort up near the Arctic, read the account of it in an English print of the day.

No historian of any race or of any time has ever presented to the world volumes of more compelling interest than those to the production of which Francis Parkman gave his life. But he did not come anyway near exhausting the field, and in so far as Western Canada is concerned it has hardly yet been touched. We have a history of which we may all be proud and it is the duty of all good citizens, particularly of those, who have the talent for historical investigation, to aid in the work of research. The late Sir James Edgar, Speaker of the House of Commons, wrote some stirring stanzas some years ago one of which ran:

Though boasting no baronial halls
Nor ivy-mantled towers
What past can match thy glorious youth
Fair Canada of ours.

Anything which tends to develop a national sentiment should be encouraged and there is nothing like the work which this new organization proposes to enter upon so effective in giving us a sense of unity as a people.

"By adorning ten thousand deeds of men long gone" wrote Plato several thousand years ago "history educates the men that are to be."

In this connection, it should be mentioned that for some years Alberta has had a most ardent historical student, Dr. George of Innisfail, who for his own satisfaction has systematically collected an extensive museum at his home in that town. The Saturday News learns that he is willing to dispose of what is said to be an excellent collection to the Provincial government. The opportunity should not be lightly passed over. If this collection should become provincial property, it would prove the nucleus of a very valuable public asset.

Now that parliament buildings are to be placed near old Fort Edmonton, and the ground about is to be laid out as a park, would it not be a good idea to preserve at least part of the old building, in itself a most interesting historic relic, and use it as a provincial museum? Several gentlemen, who have examined it to determine its suitability for this purpose, have expressed a favorable opinion. If placed in the hands of a competent curator it could be made a source of no small attraction and educational usefulness The suggestion is one which the Cabinet ought to consider very carefully before putting aside. The eminently practical man may say that there are too many pressing material needs to meet with the provincial funds to squander them on the whims of dreamers. But we do not think that this represents the dominant sentiment of the citizens of Alberta. We believe that they are intensely interested in the subject of this great country's past and recognize that no people can have a really great future, who are interested only in that future.

Justice Harvey will preside at the following Supreme Court sittings:

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD

From all over the province come reports of dulness in hockey circles. The following from the Pincher Creek Echo is a fair sample of the talk that finds its way into the local press :

"The lovers of the winter game are having a very poor season in Pincher Creek this year. Whatever may be the reason outside teams have not showed up very frequently, and the local manager of the club might be asked to give us some more sports. According to the Frank Paper, Coleman accuses Pincher Creek of having an attack of the funks. The Echo hardly thinks this is the case, in fact would be willing to venture a little that Pincher Creek will give the Coleman boys a chance to show whether the latter team is a hot air proposition or can play hockey. The real reason that Coleman has been unable to get a game on with Pincher Creek is that the Pass team owes us a game, not having returned Pincher Creek's last visit, and as gates have a good deal to do with hockey it is not fair for Coleman to expect another visit until it has paid its debts. In Macleod, according to the Advance, the Pincher Creek boys were too rough for the curled darlings of that town. That may be, but after a good many attendances at hockey games in which Macleod figured, we can say that if our boys were too rough they should be put in the permanent care of the police. For a good rough and dirty game, commend us to the manner in which the Macleod boys can get to work when the eye of the referee is elsewhere."

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What Alberta hockey needs to get it out of the rut is a provincial league. If there were provincial championships to fight for, all these petty squabbles would soon disappear. With only local contests, they always crop up. There is no one to regulate matters between the clubs and bad feeling necessarily results. All the smaller towns of the province are in the same boat now as those mentioned in the above article and in the larger ones conditions are no more satisfactory. Calgary should be able to support a first-class team but its representatives went down before Strathcona the other night on their own ice by 4 goals to one. What more could be expected however, when they have had practically no competitors who were worthy of running up against them during the winter? Up on the Saskatchewan, on the other hand, Edmonton has outclassed Strathcona, but the interest in the game has died down because there were no more fields to conquer. If senior, intermediate and junior series were instituted, with a system of districts in each, the winners of which would play off at the end of the season, a complete change would come over the game. There would be something worth playing and the officials of the different clubs should get together right away and make preliminary arrangements for next season. The objections to the distances that would have to be travelled is not at all valid. With districts, it would only be the winners who would have to go away a long distance from home and once a club won a district championship, this would be considered no hardship.

The Saturday News ventures to predict that if this programme were carried out, the game would be so improved that Alberta would produce a Stanley Cup winner within five years.

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President Robinson, of the Western Canada Baseball League, was in Edmonton during the week. He reports the greatest activity among all the clubs and is very enthusiastic regarding the season's prospects. No decision has yet been reached regarding umpires, though Mr. Robinson says he favors the appointment of two, one from Calgary and one from Edmonton. It has been figured out that the Edmonton team will travel 3,875 miles, Calgary 3,708, Lethbridge 3,794 and Medicine Hat 4,550.

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Arnold Johnston's removal to Stettler deprives Edmonton of one of the most dashing and reliable hockey players it has ever been able to lay claim to.

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In connection with the death of John Donohue of Calgary, the Herald points out that he was the father of athletic meetings of the Territories which were held in Calgary at that time. Mr Donohue held the championship of the Territories, and as long as these meets were held was never defeated. The deceased, up to his death, was the proud possessor of the gold medal for the best all-round athlete of the western country. He was a particularly fine jumper, and excelled at putting the shot. The deceased was one of Calgary's landmarks, and one might say the same regarding Alberta. Always willing to help the under dog, and ever to the fore in connection with any amateur sport, the name of John Donohue will stand in the memory of many people of the great west for many years to come.

COVER POINT.

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BORN

MacKenzie—At Macleod on Thursday the 17th of January, to the wife of Malcolm MacKenzie, M. P.P., a son.

Peterson—At Strathcona on February 4th, to Mr and Mrs R. T. Peterson, a son.

Hopps—At Lacombe, on January 25, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hopps, twin boys.

MARRIED

Herod—McLean—At Calgary, Wednesday, February 6th, by Rev. J. A. Clark, Mary Sanilands Herod, daughter of the late Dr. Herod of Guelph, Ont., to J. A. McLean, of Edmonton.

Kidner—Johnson—At the rectory of St. Luke's church, Red Deer, on Tuesday, 22nd January, Jacob Abner Kidner, to Hilda Regina Johnson, all of Red Deer.

Beards—Stewart—On January 30th at the residence of the bride's parents, Lethbridge, by the Rev. A. M. Gordon, Mark Beards to J. Helen Home (Ella) only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Stewart.

Featherstonhaugh—Gimlett—At the residence of Fred J. White, Fort Saskatchewan, on February 6th, Frank Featherstonhaugh, lumber merchant, to Miss Eliza Gimlett.

DIED

Hopps—At Lacombe, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, Howard, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopps, aged 4 days.

Allan—On February 6th, Bessie, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Allan, of Ponoka, in her seventh year.

Seares—On Feb. 9th, at the General Hospital, Edmonton, Katherine, wife of A. Seares of the Belmont Coal Company.

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The new gymnasium has been opened at Raymond.

Lethbridge will engage a publicity commissioner.

"All the more you give 'em, the less are they for givin'—
Love lies dead, an' you cannot kiss 'em livin'.
Down the road 'e led you there is no returnin'.
(Mary, pity women!) but you're late in learnin'!

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In the little Sunday-school back home you will remember among other things you were taught was that it was "easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven."

You believed a great many of the puzzling statements the earnest superintendent expounded, but not that one—on the face of it the whole story was too utterly absurd—easier for a camel! Why look what an impossibility that conveyed at the start. Another thing, see what chances a man possessed of great riches had to do good, and then to tell you such a silly tale! Oh, well, at Sunday-school you must expect to hear some very remarkable stories. All the samee if you got the chance to make a great deal of money you'd risk getting into Heaven, because you see you'd be so good to poor people and do this and that and—. Arguing thus with yourself you went home and had it out with your mother, and she, blessedly wise woman, took you up on her knee and told you not to worry your head about it, but to run out and play, which you did, feeling queerly enough that somehow she had explained the whole question to your complete satisfaction.

Now that you are a man or woman grown, you no longer demand the explanation; you know that the camel has indeed the infinitely easier task of the two, for wealth drags in its wake temptations, the abundant possibilities of bringing about eternal damnation.

Millions of books might be written on the tragedy of money and its getting, and the subject be still as far from being exhausted as it is to-day. The supreme tragedy, I think, though, would centre around the self-made man who, giving up his life to the accumulation of wealth for his family, sees that instead of its bringing them happiness it has only brought about their ruin. You will remember in this connection Kipling's rhyme of "The Mary Gloster." The scene opens with Sir Anthony Gloster, an old sailing master, lying at the point of death, and addressing his only son, Dick, a man approaching forty:

"I've paid for your sickest fancies; I've humored your crackedest whim—
Dick, it's your daddy dying, you've got to listen to him!
Not counting the line and the foundry, the yards and the village, too,
I've made myself and a million; but I'm damned if I made you.

* * *

Harrer and Trinity College! I ought to ha' sent you to sea—
But I stood you an education, and what ha' you done for me?
The things I knew was proper you wouldn't thank me to give,
And the things I knew was rotten you said was the way to live,
For you muddled with books and pictures an' china an' etchin's an' fans,
And your rooms at college was beastly—

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For my son 'e was never a credit, 'e muddled with books and art,
And 'e lived on Sir Anthony's money, and 'e broke Sir Anthony's heart.

Thus rambling on, in what bitterness of spirit only a man who had experienced the sting sharper than a serpent's tooth, could do, he comes to speak of the disposal of his body and what do you find, that he wants? To be buried at Wokin' in the magnificent mausoleum he has purchased when pride of wealth and family had run high? No—but at sea, off the Paternosters, where the wife of his struggling youth lies buried—

Listen to the wail of this woefully world-sick old baronet, who has drained the goblet of life to its dregs.

"For the heart it shall go with the treasure—go down to the sea in ships.
I'm sick of the hired women—
I'll kiss my girl on her lips!
I'll be content with my fountain
I'll drink from my own dear well,
And the wife of my youth shall charm me—an' the rest can go to Hell!
Dickie, he will, that's certain, etc."

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I wonder how many Sir Anthony's have lived to see the selfsame tragedy? How many fathers have survived to curse the day that fortune smiled on them and theirs, how many more Dickies would be taking their share of the world's burdens today had less ambitious fathers stood them their Harrer and Trinity and all the rest of the education that unmade them?

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Harry Thaw?—Speculation runs riot!

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw?—One wonders!

The two cases naturally come to mind at this time as Evelyn Nesbit is now the centre of the limelight in the witness box in New York, and her husband is playing the game of his life.

What might have been if something else hadn't happened has ever been one of the most nerve-racking subjects of speculation.

We can only deal with what is, and that in this particular instance is miserable enough.

For a week or more this woman, whose dower of beauty has been her ruin, has been engaged in disclosing to a crowded court room the facts of an existence so vile as to beggar description. In the most bizarre of word-pictures she has given us an account of life as it is lived among the libertines of New York's high society, and incidentally has told us of the part she herself has played in the game.

So vivid has been her portrayal of her own ruin that the jury, we learn, were constantly mopping their eyes.

These men, with their sex's lack of logic, never paused, observe, to ponder on the woman's free agency in the matter, nor on the years in which she has continued to follow the same free-will course. Being a clever woman of the world Evelyn Nesbit pressed the right stop labelled: "Oh, my lost and ruined innocence," "Oh, my God, how can I stand this disgrace,"

And lo, the desired effect followed, the jury promptly dissolved in brine. Melodrama, despite all statements to the contrary, carries the crowd in every instance and no clever lawyer ever neglects to use his tremolo stop—as you may plainly observe if you follow the reports of big criminal cases—when he sees that calm logic is no longer of any avail.

After all it takes women to make the world dramatic. Adventuresses are ever twice as interesting as mere adventurers. Hark back to the breathless interest that attended the Cassie Chadwick and Mme. Humbert cases, where have you their parallel in those of any two mere men? A thorough-going villain is now woefully out of date, for fine effects you must call in the woman adventuress.

Whatever the truth of Evelyn Nesbit's story may be, her success as a witness is inseparable from the fact that she is a pretty woman who has had a so-called dramatic past—which these jury men are not averse to hearing, seeing it concerns a lovely object in distress, and a family that numbers among its members a real live countess.

Thank fortune, in Alberta, we are most of us carving out our own futures, that our law metes out a more even-handed justice and that instead of fancy schooling at smart colleges young Canadians are going back to the land where, among healthy surroundings, they are learning to be fine upright, wholesome men, and not the useless members of an overly nice rotten society.

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INTERESTING THE CHILDREN

The Saturday News is inclined to think that if more were done to interest the children in agriculture it would result in much good to the province. One of the first things to impress upon them is that farming is respectable and that the only time a stigma can be attached to it is when it is indifferently or carelessly done. The boy who hesitates to admit that he is a farmer's son will not be likely to follow in his father's footsteps. If he can be taught to take an interest in some phase of scientific farming or stock raising and feel that he has learned something of which his city cousin is ignorant, he at once loses that feeling of diffidence which country children often manifest when they meet those of city breeding.

Childhood is the period of perception, and as Alberta can become great only through the development of her agricultural resources, no system of education can serve the best interests of the province which does not direct these perceptive powers toward what must always be our premier industry. The old farmer who despised "book larnin" has been the butt of many a joke, but time has proven that he erred no more than those who worshipped it. This constant application to books is likely to have one of two effects upon children, both of which are to be avoided. Some it will cause to despise books, others it will blind to the world of nature about them. The ability to learn from books the thoughts and experiences of others is to be desired, but it should not be purchased at the cost of a desire to read the story that nature teaches. While the department of education is revising our school ordinance it can do worse than give nature study as applied to agriculture, a prominent place in its curriculum, and then see that it is carried out in the country schools. To give students in the Normal the option of getting a smattering of French or German at the expense of acquiring a knowledge of this important subject is not to be commended.

The Red Deer branch of the A. F. A. held their second meeting in the Alexandra Hall, Red Deer, Feb. 4. Owing to the severity of the weather and the fact that most farmers were obliged to look after their stock, the turn out was rather small, but this did not deter those present from having a most interesting and profitable meeting. This was largely due to the presence of Mr. Stevens, secretary of central association, who set forth very clearly the accomplishments and the projects of the central association. Mr. Henry Jamieson, Red Deer's delegate to the meeting of the central body at Calgary, had previous to Mr. Stevens' address, read a very full and well worded report of the meeting at Calgary. There was some discussion on the proposed line of action by the central association and Mr. Stevens was plied with numerous questions, but these will be gone into more fully again. The members of the Red Deer branch mean to do their part.

A. W. WILSON,
Secretary.

CARDSTON SEED FAIR

The Cardston Seed Fair came off on Feb. 7th in the Assembly Hall. The judging by Messrs. McKillicen and Mitchell was watched by the farmers with intense interest. Weather conditions prevented some exhibitors from getting in but as the fair came on the second day of a very vigorous chinook, the fair was better than many would have expected. The total exhibit consisted of 45 samples of grains and grass seed. Being the first fair held here, it was educational, and will be better patronised next year, now farmers understand, but it has fulfilled its mission already as quite a lot of good seed changed hands. The exhibit of Alberta red winter wheat was very good, ten samples running each other very close. The winners, Messrs. William and Thomas Leavitt, of Leavitt, 6 miles west of Cardston, won first with a sample that secured 98½ points and weighed 63½ lbs. T. H. Woolford second, 95½ points, weight 63 lbs. Third, Cahoon Bros., whose farm is also at Leavitt, weight 62½ lbs. Score, 94. We always brag on our foothill country, though strangers fail to recognise its abilities, but they will in time and incomers will select land sooner or later for quality and not just because it happens to be flat. Soft winter wheat was not well represented and the hard varieties seem to be cutting it out. Hard spring wheat has made rapid strides and experiments made recently are bringing out the most suitable varieties. First prize was won by J. Y. Card with a beautiful sample of White Fyfe, score 93, weight 61 lbs. A little more work put on this grain would have raised it still higher. Second prize was taken by W. and T. Leavitt, with Preston, becoming a very popular spring variety here, weight 61½ lbs., score 92½. Third prize went to Mr. Sorrenson, also of Leavitt, with Preston. Some Stanley wheat was exhibited, but had been cut too early. One fine exhibit of macaroni wheat caused a good deal of comment, but was mixed somewhat with oats.

Oats did not turn out well, 8 exhibits. First prize was won with a very neat sample of Tartar King shown by H. J. Bowden, score 92½, weight 42 lbs. Second, Arthur Perrey with Dodd's White, 91½, 39½ lbs. Third, Johannes Anderson, improved Ligowe, 90 points, 40½ lbs. Presence of wild oats cut down some averages.

Barley was not very plentiful, but good, and if more pains were taken here, a reputation could be built for malting barley. Five exhibits put in an appearance and in the two rowed division Mr. T. H. Woolford took first with chevalier, weighing 53 lbs. Arthur Perrey, second. Some capital timothy seed was shown by Mr. Frank Leavitt and there were four exhibits of brome grass seed, Mr. Perrey's being for exhibition only. First was won by James Anderson and second by S. O. Anderson. Mr. A. Perrey, winner of first prize on winter wheat at Winnipeg, had the only collection taking a first prize, the varieties, black oats 50 lbs., Dodd's white oat, Stanley wheat, Alberta red, corn wheat and chevalier barley.

Another year will see a vast improvement in a Cardston exhibit and many new samples that went down and out could have done better if owners had put more work on them and averages in some of the winners could have been enhanced in the same way. For increasing the quality of our grain there can be nothing better than these seed fairs. An evening session was held that lasted from 7 p.

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m. till nearly 11 p. m., the speakers being Messrs. McKillican, Mitchell and Woolford on smut, weeds and improved seed, respectively. The band, the guitar and mandolin clubs rendered selections between the speeches and were very enthusiastically received. As a good many members had been enrolled into the A. F. A., Mr. E. N Barker at the conclusion of the meeting gave a short talk on the association, explaining what it was for, what it does and why the farmer should join. About 200 ladies, gentlemen and some children attended the evening session and the hall was well filled all the afternoon.

The samples of Alberta red exhibited averaged 62½ lbs. per bushel. Hard spring wheat averaged 61 1-16 per bushel. White winter 60¾ lbs.

E. N. BARKER.

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THE POULTRY SHOW

The Alberta Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold their fourth annual exhibition in Edmonton on March 6, 7 and 8.

The executive committee are now busily engaged completing details for the best exhibition they have yet held. These shows held annually by this association are fast coming to the front and gaining in popularity as one of the leading exhibitions and conventions of their kind in the western provinces, and this year, with the substantial assistance of the department of agriculture, (who are taking an active interest in the poultry industry throughout the province in a very practical manner) believe they are in a better position than ever to give to the public both locally, and to those at a distance, having entries to make, the best possible service and satisfaction.

Mr. A. W. Foley, poultry expert, late of Bowmanville, Ontario, but now of Edmonton, and connected with the department of agriculture, will be present and give addresses at each session of the convention on poultry subjects. He has prepared a series of lime light views which illustrate different branches of the work in a most interesting manner. Mr. Foley is probably the most practical poultry man in western Canada to-day, is a first class speaker, and no one should miss hearing him if engaged in the poultry business either as a fancier or commercially.

The officers of the association would be pleased to meet poultry breeders and fanciers from all parts of the province during the exhibition to elect officers and appoint committees at various points, in order that the work may be more easily and satisfactorily distributed in the future.

The usual reduced rates on exhibition stock will be granted by the railways, and it is hoped that a large entry will be made by outside breeders. Every precaution will be taken to guard against climatic exposure, etc., both en route and at Edmonton.

Reduced passenger rates on the railways are being secured and will be announced later, or made known on application to the secretary as soon as rate is decided upon.

The first provincial seed fair under the auspices of the department of agriculture, and assisted by the seed branch of the Dominion department of agriculture, Calgary, will be held on the same dates and in the same building at Edmonton. Admission to both fairs will be free.

A copy of prize list and entry form will be maile on request of intending exhibitors by the secretary-treasurer, W. A. Fife, P. O. box 213, Edmonton.

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The Agricola branch of the A. F. A. desires to express its dissatisfaction as regards the following matters:

1. The attempt to develope markets for Alberta produce in British Columbia areas practically useless because it was not made in time to be of any service during the present season.

2. The commission of enquiry into the beef question has been delayed until all grass fed cattle have been sold and still nothing has been accomplished.

3. Prices of lumber are rapidly rising from time to time yet the government has taken no steps to protect the public from the greed of the lumber combine although the government is well aware of the existence and operation of the said combine.

4. It would appear that the Alberta government exists for the purpose of representing trade combine and corporations other than the interests of the general public who are forced to submit to the extortion of said combines and corporations through the inaction of this government.

This resolution was carried unanimously.

T. H. Atttewell.

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The following was the standing of the four highest in the Stock Juding competition held at Innisfail Feb. 2, 1907, under the supervision of Wm. A. Munro of the Department of Agriculture:

I.	J. J. Richards	128
II.	J. Smith	104
III.	A. Dallas	101
IV.	H. A. Malcolm	99

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It is said that the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co. has secured a site at Penhold and will build this year.

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The chinook lasted for three days in Southern Alberta. A Cardston correspondent reports that the cattle losses are nil in the foot hills for those who have feed. The ranching interests believe that the situation has been saved.

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The stock judging school at High River, which had to be postponed owing to the smallpox outbreak, will be held from March 12 to March 22.

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At the Institute meeting held in Innisfail the week before last, H. A. Craig, superintendent of fairs and institutes, expressed the hope that before long the trophy awarded at the international stock show in Chicago for stock judging competition by classes which had last year been won by the college at Guelph, would soon be reposing in the "Alberta Agricultural College." Of the advantages of such an institution he gave a concise demonstration.

G. H. Hutton, superintendent of the experimental farm at Lacombe, went over the proposed plans for the farm. For one thing, he expected to be able to find a species of apple that would be suitable for and grow throughout the province. C. W. McRae of Ottawa gave a very bright address in which he dwelt upon the preeminence of agriculture among the country's industries, while the president of the agricultural society, James Wilson, pointed out what good work that organization was doing.

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ment of agriculture brought before the legislature this week shows a year of constant activity. One of the most encouraging facts is to be found in the growth of the dairy industry. Seven new creameries have been established under government operation and the output of the government creameries has amounted to 1,050,000 pounds. Besides the 18 government creameries there are in the province 24 private creameries with an output of something like 800,000 pounds. There are also seven cheese factories.

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A large hog ranch is to be started near Lethbridge by A. E. Easton and three other local men.

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A most satisfactory conference was held by representatives of the farmers of the Edmonton district with a committee of the Board of Trade consisting of T. Daly, Col. Edwards and J. B. Walker regarding the larger consumption of local flour. Mr. Nairn of the Alberta Milling Company in explaining why more local flour was not used stated in 1903 frost had injured the wheat and the millers had sold poor flour at a high price. This had damaged its reputation and the effect was still felt. Only about one-third of the present output was was used locally, and wheat was bought on an export basis. If there were a larger local consumption, an improvement in the price might result. Mr. Warner, the former president of the Alberta Farmers Association, exhibited to the committee a loaf of bread, baked from flour manufactured in Edmonton. Is was the opinion of all present that the sample could hardly be improved upon. Secretary Fisher of the Board of Trade emphasized the importance of the subject, citing cases that had come under his notice where intending settlers had been prejudiced against the district on noticing that foreign flour was shipped in. Joseph Whitelaw testified to the prejudice against local flour, even though he guaranteed every bag of it. He suggested that millers should have tests made and issue printed slips, showing how their flour could be used to the best advantage, as he was sure that it needed special treatment. Mr. Stevens, secretary of the A. F. A., declared that much could be done by improving the class of seed used, by correcting natural defects in the soil and by employing the proper harvesting methods. After some further discussion Mr. Fisher moved "that in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that steps should be taken for the purpose of promoting a larger consumption of local flour by local customers with a view to improving the market for the higher grades of wheat." This motion carried and also the motion of Mr. Stevens that the committee of the Board of Trade be requested to carry out the purpose of the previous motion in the city of Edmonton and the committee of the farmers in the country.

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The annual meeting of the Blackfalds Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Association was held a short time ago and everything found to be in a most flourishing condition. The output of butter for the summer season alone last year was 93,000 pounds and the creamery will run all winter. The creamery is out of debt, paid a dividend of ten per cent. on the paid up stock and there is the sum of $800 on hand besides.

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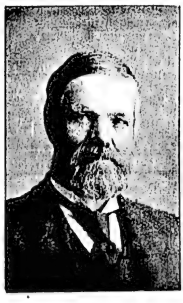
The Saturday News is able this week to present the portraits of two more of the directors of the Alberta Farmer's Association.



MR. JAMIESON

Mr. Henry Jamieson, of Red Deer, was born in Renfrew County, Ontario, some 63 years ago. He helped to clear his father's farm and then one for himself. After working for five years on the latter he moved to Pembroke where he went into the droving bnsiness. For seven years he was a member of the town council, resigning six years ago to come west. He settled one mile east of Red Deer. Shortly after reaching his new home he was elected president of the Red Deer Agricultural Society and is now president of the exhibition association. He was a member of the first municipal council of his district. The convention of the A.F.A. in Calgary last month he attended as the delegate from Red Deer and was elected a director of the central organization. In the discussions which arose there he took an active and useful part. As a critic he is fearless and he will be responsible, the Saturday News ventures to say, for keeping the association out of many mistakes. He has abundant enthusiasm and will be a source of great strength to the executive.

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Vegreville A.F. meeting was well attended, especially considering that some were hustling around town trying to get their depleted cupboard stocked.

The secretary was inundated with dollar bills in so much that the executive had to meet at the close of the meeting and arrange the disposal of some of the surplus.

A resolution was presented by the secretary of Warwick branch embodying the disbandment of that branch and amalgamating with Vegreville with the request that that branch take steps to form a new branch at Soda Lake or in that neighbourhood.

The following resolutions were passed: That the V. B. of the A. F. A. is in accord with the action taken by the Manitoba Grain Growers Association, with regard to the grain exchange at Winnipeg and wishes to take this opportunity of conveying to the Grain Growers Association of Manitoba its appreciation of the action taken by that body. That we, the members of the V. B. of the A. F. A. are strongly of opinion that the management and control of elevators should be undertaken by the Provincial Government. The meeting adjourned till the 23rd.

T. Balaam, Secretary.

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On slow celestial axes,
While Aries and false Libra flout
Me with their parallaxes.

I wander softly in a node
With gentle aberrations,
And then I climb an endless road
Gold sprinkled with lunations.

I give to Gibbons Jupiter
A distant cold nutation,
For all his broad diameter
He's but a mean equation.

And now I see with saddened gaze
The lunar periodic,
Still chasing in a circling maze
The retrograde synoctic.

The belted hunter shines afar,
Orion with his gladius;
His total length 1 x 2 r,
Divided by the radius.

Then by degrees my drowsy head
Gives way to gravitation,
I wonder where I'll find a bed,
And what is this rotation.

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The weather moderated a lot last week, a result which, says the Red Deer Advocate "Mr Simpson attributes to the efforts of the Presbyterian minister who publicly requested it last Lord's Day."

It is hardly surprising if the Presbyterian minister finds himself popular, even beyond the limits of Red Deer. But popularity of this kind is somewhat dangerous. He should not forget the case of his brother of the cloth in England who prayed one Sunday most ardently for rain. It came a few days later and his reputation went away up in the community. Unlike Charles Kingsley, he was quite willing to pass as a rival to the professional rain-maker. But the rain did not know when to stop and it kept up for so long, that it had a bad effect on the cattle in the fields and many of them died. The farmers then got together and took advice as to whether they should not sue the clergyman, who had caused all the trouble. Under these trying circumstances he doubtless shared the feelings of the Scotch elder, who was in the habit of making long prayers, during which he managed to voice a considerable amount of personal wants. He was engaged in the exercise one Sunday afternoon during the hay season "Gie us, guid Lord, a guid, dry wind" he prayed "a guid, soft wind that will dry the hay and not toss it—" Just then a gust sent a splash of rain on the window panes, causing Sandy to open his eyes very suddenly and to exclaim testily "Guid Lord, this is simply redeeclus."

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An Edmonton Scotchman was asked to attend McEwen's performance at the Opera house last Saturday night. His friends told him how amusing the programme was. "Na, na, mon!" was the reply, "D' ye no ken I never visit a place of public amusement on th' Saturday—for fear I should laugh in th' kirk on th' Sawbath?"

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The Vegreville Observer remarks "It is reported from Warwick that a favorite method taken by young men to warm their hands is to hug the nearest girl. One unhappy youth tried it and got his face slapped. Gee! Those Warwick girls must be fierce. Either that or the process of hugging has not been attempted with the proper suavity and regard for appearances."

The Observer man might render a public service by devoting part of his space each week to describing just how inexperienced youths should go about it.

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George Ade is giving body-blows these days to the fiction of our childhood. He has come to the conclusion that that about Mary and her little lamb has come down to us from the Stone Age has no more plot than a successful musical comedy and the meter is as unreliable as if it had been installed by the gas company. As a narrative it is innocuous and misleading.

Mary is supposed to be a typical American girl. If she wanted a pet, do you suppose she would let anyone palm off a \$1 lamb on her? Not on your happy childhood days! She would demand a registered Boston terrier worth \$150, and when she took that to school with her, teacher would get on top of the desk

Mr Ade concludes his argument as follows:

If the children must memorize a lot of untruthful verses regarding Mary and some kind of an animal, why not rig up a corking good lie one that will appeal to the juvenile imagination?

Why not say that Mary had a trained snake 32 feet long that she stole out of a menagerie?

The snake is very devoted to her because she feeds it a Maltese kitten every day.

One day Mary is walking in her father's magnificent private park that cost over \$1,000,000.00, when she is attacked by a handsome brigand with a long mustache and a black cloak, who wishes to kidnap her and hold her for a ransom, after taking away from her the \$16,000 worth of precious stones she was wearing on her person at the time

Mary shrieks for assistance, and the faithful boa constrictor, asleep in the conservatory, hearing her terrified cries, pushes up a window and crawls out just as the villain is dragging the beautiful girl towards a closed carriage

The brave snake throws himself upon the miscreant and squeezes him to death, while Mary returns calmly to her own apartment.

This is pipey, of course, but if you must hand the children any story, for goodness sake give them something good and shivery

Cut out the W. D. Howells' kind of plain old-fashioned realism and give them the romantic school.

Play up the conspiracy gag and feature the deadly encounter. That's what the children want. They don't care a continental whether Mary had a lamb or not. They want to read about somebody being killed in the moonlight.

Mary was all right when she first started on her travels with an incipient sheep ranch trailing along behind her, but unless she gets a wiggle on herself she will have a rough finish.

The magazines have taught us to love the wild animals.

Kipling and Seton come again-Thompson take the urchin by the hand and lead him among the Bengal tigers and the snarling grizzlies.

The bleeding lamb would soon be a dead card were it not for the lingering prejudice of parents who were brought up in the country

It is all right with mint sauce, but it is hard to take as fiction.

"Why does a colored man always carry a razor?"

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GEORGE A. BALL.

Mr. Ball of Strathcona is entitled to especial honor as one of those who helped to organize the A.F.A. He has always been an active worker and seldom, if ever, misses a local or a general meeting. He was present at both Lacombe and Calgary and took a prominent part in the proceedings. He came to Alberta in 1895 and has been farming for the past seven years, with a satisfactory degree of success. Since its organization, he has been a director of the Strathcona branch and now its vice-president. At the Calgary convention of 1906 he was appointed a member of the amalgamation committee, and in 1907 a member of the directorate. He is a thorough believer in the great future of the province and the part which the farmers have to play therein. A successful farmer himself, he is an excellent type of the men who go to make up the membership of the association.

President Fletcher of the A.F.A. on Monday night organized a first-class branch at St. Albert. Daniel Maloney was elected president and M. Hogan secretary.

At the meeting of the Strathcona branch of the A.F.A. on Saturday, Mr Fletcher resigned the presidency of the branch and D. S. Fulton was chosen in his place. The part to be taken in the Seed Fair was discussed and the matter was handed over to a committee composed of G. Ball, Salisbury; Ralph Weir, Ellerslie and J. Govenlock, Ellerslie, to correspond with representative men in the several school districts tributary to Edmonton and Strathcona with a view to having them assist in the work, which would have otherwise been done by an agricultural society.

THE BEEF COMMISSION

The Saturday News is able to announce in connection with a matter that has aroused a very great deal of interest among the farmers, that in all probability the work of the beef commission will be continued by the representatives of Alberta and Manitoba alone. Representatives were appointed in the first place by all four western provinces. An organization meeting was held in Calgary. Then a change in British Columbia's representative was deemed necessary. No further appointment however, was made by that province and the administration at Victoria showed a desire to withdraw from the commission. Some delay was also occasioned by the Saskatchewan authorities and as the departments of the other two provinces are anxious to proceed with the investigation as rapidly as possible, it is not unlikely that they will act without the co-operation of either Saskatchewan or British Columbia.

STOCK JUDGING SCHOOL

The stock judging has been holding most successful meetings at Lacombe during the past two weeks, large crowds attending. On Tuesday a two weeks' school will begin in Edmonton in the building of the Great West Implement Co. on Fraser avenue. H. A. Craig, superintendent of Institutes will be assisted by C. M. McRae of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, G. H. Hutton, superintendent of the experimental farm at Lacombe, Bryce Wright of Dewinton, a well-known horse breeder, and other competent instructors. Two carloads of stock picked from the best of the province are accompanying the school. Besides these, the best animals to be found locally will be secured. Demonstrations will be given, pointing out the good and bad qualities of the various classes of stock. No one who is interested in stock should fail to attend these meetings. Lectures will be delivered in the evenings on breeding, feeding and management of live stock and other subjects of general interest.

From the Press Gallery

The legislature has been working hard and three important measures this week received the Lieutenant Governor's assent, those for the establishment of a supreme court and of district courts for the province and the Controverted Election's Act. The recent decision of the full court was to the effect that no defeated candidate, who believed he had been defeated by corrupt means, had had a remedy in either Alberta or Saskatchewan since autonomy was granted. This was a state of affairs calling for immediate action.

The cost of maintaining lunatics at Manitoba institutes has been so heavy that the government has decided to ask for a $50,000 appropriation for the erection of an Alberta institute. Further than this, the Attorney-General has introduced a general measure respecting insane persons. Provision is made whereby in the case of a lunatic whose estate or whose relatives are able to pay for his maintenance, the province will not have to bear the expense. The evidence of a doctor is required in the trial of an insane man. To this Mr. Boden has raised objection that it would mean a hardship in the north country. A justice of the peace must be satisfied that a person is dangerous to be at large, as well as insane, before committing him.

The insolvency bill is a lengthy document and provides for an official assignee in each district. It is believed that full provision is made for an equitable distribution of assets. Workmen's wages are given prior claim.

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The Mirror

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HOME AND SOCIETY.

How the weeks fly by to be sure! How we have hustled and bustled about for the past month or more, and yet on Tuesday night I heard a hostess complain that she could not edge in any of the affairs she had intended giving for lack of a free afternoon or evening. Personally, I must confess to it, I had completely forgotten that Ash Wednesday was so near at hand. Like the down of a thistle the gay little happenings have disappeared without ones being even remotely conscious that a change was taking place, and now the season of sackcloth and ashes reigns supreme, and for a space of time we may spend our evenings in the peacefulness of the family circle, and our days in the pursuit of more serious occupations.

Thieves and thieves there be, but none that can compare with that old offender, Time. How he plays with us, calling in his favorite brother, Procrastination, and we, vagabonds of golden days and distracting pleasures trip merrily along, until we reach a milestone bearing such an inscription as Lent, Easter, Christmas, calls us back to a realization of things as they are.

What a jolly season we have had of it, though! When can we remember merrier dances, more enjoyable luncheons, delightful little dinners or better games of bridge? What an unusually bright galaxy of visitors we have had in addition and what good friends we have all grown to be! The newtimers of last autumn have developed into our most cherished companions, and brides galore there be, also others in prospect, that assure new interests when Easter-time comes round.

At the dance on Tuesday evening a bright young visitor said she thought it was high time Lent did put in an appearance, as she had done on that day alone a luncheon, a card party, a tea, a dinner and a dance. She still looked ready for a month of such distractions, however, so I wasn't inclined to take her too seriously.

To describe the events in crawfish fashion the dance given by Mr. Mowat Biggar, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Supple, Mr. Bowker, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Anderson on Shrove Tuesday evening was one of the very happiest events of the kind it has been my good fortune to attend.

The hands of the clock were barely pointing to the half after eight, before dancing commenced, and at nine o'clock even the latest comers had paid their respects to their hosts, and had joined the merry whirl.

While Mrs Short was the hostess of a bridge party, and there were in addition several smaller affairs in progress on the same evening, very few of the usual dance devotees were missing as I took mental notes of those present. Among the matrons were Mrs Almon looking exceedingly well in a bright red gown relieved with a high black velvet girdle and touches of the same shade on the corsage and little rosette ornaments on the skirt. Mrs Hubbell in champagne voile, a tireless dancer. Mrs T. S. F. Jackson in her handsome black sequinned robe, with a lovely wreath of forget-me nots in her pretty auburn hair. Her sister, Mrs Anderson of High River, in black net, the decolletee outlined in white, with a wreath of tiny white rosebuds in her stylishly arranged coiffure, and the object of a great deal of attention. Mrs. D. Smith, who has always such a distinguished air in a ball room, handsomely gowned in black chiffon and jet sequins. Mrs R. A. Robertson, the daintiest of little brides, in the prettiest of frocks, a flounced confection of old-rose embroidered chiffon lace. Mrs Calderon, a strikingly fine-looking woman in the softest of grey satins, the skirt panelled with Honiton applique, and the berthe of the same lovely lace softly arranged and caught with pretty pearl pins. Mrs Ferris looking very bright and well, wore striped bluet and white chiffon, with accordion pleated chiffon and ruffled ribbon garniture.

Mrs. Charlesworth, the happiest of young matrons, in a dainty Dresden silk. Mrs. Robert Mays, dressed in yellow sprigged net, with flounced skirt, a yellow girdle and shoulder straps and a knot of yellow chiffon flowers with palest green leaves on the corsage. A decidedly becoming gown, which accentuated her very girlish figure. Mrs Holly Ross in a black sequinned frock, looked exceedingly well.

Among the girls there were any number deserving of particular mention. Miss Helen Hudspeth wore the fluffiest of dotted silk net gowns, over white taffeta, made en princesse; such a sweet girlish frock and wonderfully becoming, with just a note of color suggested in a spray of exquisite flowers Miss Gertrude too, wore a very smart gown, of dotted black silk grenadine, with sequinned corsage and chiffon frillings. Miss Brunton a notably graceful girl was tremendously admired, wearing a black crepe de chine gown with satin ribbon garniture and a large cut-steel buckle ornament. Miss Alice Pruyne happily enjoying every moment of the dance, in figured blue organdie, with satin bebe ribbon garniture. Miss McLean, who has a wide circle of admirers, in a pink dotted muslin, her hair dressed high on her shapely head. Miss Pat Matheson having a royal good time and looking her happy self in white muslin with high pink girdle. Miss McCauley wearing a simple white organdie frock with a boquet of red roses caught at the waist was one of the charmingly unaffected young girls who looked very winsome. Miss Viva Sommerville, whose graceful dancing is an ever-present topic of conversation at every ball, wore white net over pink with touches of black velvet ribbon.

Miss Helen Woods, apparently stronger and brighter each time one sees her, was a much sought after partner, and was gracefully lovely in palest green silk with exquisite Maltese lace berthe, and tiny pleatings of chiffon.

Miss Abby Sommervilie in dotted Swiss muslin with some embroidered ornamentation couldn't find dances enough to go round. Always a belle, Miss Grace Robertson, the bride-to-be of a fortnight, looked the picture of happiness in a lovely pale blue figured organdie, the decolletee draped with the softest blue chiffon, and beautiful necklace of turquoise and pearls around her neck. Miss Grace Johnston in the pretty and becoming pink chiffon frock she wore at the last dance never looked more attractive, and Miss Wishart in white net with touches of black was easily one of the prettiest girls, and Miss Maud McKenny in black silk and Miss Dolly Greenwood in a simple sprigged muslin had each their share of admiration and attention.

An interested spectator who came in during the evening was the Speaker, the Hon. Mr. Fisher, who sat out the dances, but who apparently enjoyed himself none the less for that fact. An out of town visitor was Mr. Anderson, of High River, while it was Mr. Freddie McFee's first appearance at a society event since his return from the east on Saturday.

To say that the dance was in every particular a magnificent success is only doing justice to the jolly good fellows who gave it; it was more than that, it was a triumph of good management and when the guests bade a reluctant good night to the six gallant fellows with the white rose bontonnieres in their lapels, it was to pause and tell them: "Your music was the most inspiring ever, the floor a dancer's dream and you yourselves are princes of hosts."

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson returned to High River on Wednesday morning.

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Capt. and Miss Worsley returned on Tuesday from an extended visit in the East.

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Several petite supper parties were on the tapis on Shrove Tuesday after the dance, Mrs. Charlesworth and Mrs. Bob Robertson being the hostesses of two such affairs, while any number of guests formed congenial little circles and strolled over to several of the popular cafes.

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Miss Grace Robertson, the bride elect of the 27th has been, and is to be, the raison d'etre of several smart little functions given by her married and girl friends. On Saturday last Mrs Alan Fraser gave a luncheon of sixteen covers in her honor, when again the lovely daffodil mingled with fragrant white hyacinths queened it at both the table and on the place cards. When the merry luncheon was at an end a beautifully embroidered linen recipe book, the work of Mrs. Fraser's clever fingers, with recipes that were pronounced "tried and true" and contributed by the guests present, with various witty commentaries, was formally presented to the future young housekeeper, who promised to do her best with each and all. Those who enjoyed this merry happening were: The Misses Sommerville, Miss Pat Matheson, Miss Grace Johnson, Miss Brunton, Miss Wishart, Miss Lynch, Miss Gladys McLean, Mrs. R. A. Robertson, and Miss Alice Pruyne; Miss Ferris being invited but unfortunately being absent from town, and unable to be present.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Hubbell gave a doily "shower" and tea for this much feted girl, of which more anon; on Saturday, Miss Webster gives a handkerchief shower, the box which is to contain the dainty squares of linen and lace, being of burnt wood, with the "showeree's" names burnt in, a novel and very pretty fancy. A week from Saturday Miss Pat Matheson gives still another "sprinkle" and, on a date as yet undecided, Mrs. Pace also hopes to add her little "rainfall." Between times there will be little rest for this popular girl, for in addition to preparing for her wedding, she is busily employed superintending the papering and arranging of her future home.

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Marriages and the prospects of them, form a staple article of conversation of late. The speaker's wedding has been set to take place in Ottawa the third of April, Mr. Jack Anderson's to Miss Dora Oliver is to eventuate on June 5th, besides which there are any number of the younger bachelors who are too shy to announce the dates. Judging from present prospects the bachelors who are left by the end of the summer will be at best comparable to the last rose of the season, distinctly an unhappy and forsaken product.

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A party of thirty young people went on Friday evening to St. Albert for a sleigh ride, taking dinner at the other end of the trip and driving home by the light of the moon. Everyone is quoted as having a splendid time and hoping to go again in the near future.

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At the Speaker's dinner I hear the floral decorations were superb, being of quantities of glorious golden daffodils, both the plants and cut blossoms in baskets being utilized with marvellously fine effect. The place favors were boutonierres of red roses for the Speaker's table, and carnations and lilies of the valley for the remainder. The dinner, too, served by the staff of the Prince Arthur, was a culinary triumph and if one is to be believe half the nice things they are saying of him, Mr. Fisher is the best of good fellows and a capital host.

Ramsay had, I believe, charge of the floral part of the arrangements and I myself heard the host pronounce himself as more than pleased with his efforts.

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I went, on Monday last, to hear Mrs. Colin Mackenzie give her first health talk to the women of Edmonton at Mrs. McCully's studio on Jasper Avenue, and I am sure whether the ladies become Viavi advocates or no, they cannot fail to be interested in this clever little Frenchwoman's lecture. There is food for thought in the principles she lays down and her contention that knowledge is power and health is irrefutable. A notice of further talks appears elsewhere in the Saturday News.

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Mrs. Barford was the bright, young hostess of a matinee euchre on Tuesday, when six tables enjoyed an afternoon's exciting play. After dainty refreshments had been served the guests hurried on to Mrs. Hardisty's tea, where two of their number assisted in the tea room.

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Mr. and Mrs. McPherson moved into their fine new residence on Sixteenth Street early last week, and Mrs. McPherson is now busily engaged in furnishing and arranging the commodious rooms.

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A goodly number of the invalids towards whom so many anxious thoughts have lately been speeding are now either on the mend or are up and about again. Mrs. Harrison, up at the hospital, is now sitting up. Mr. Kenneth Macdonald is on the high road to recovery, Mrs Cross is rapidly gaining strength after an unusually heavy cold, and Mrs. Cautley was able to be out at Mrs. Hardisty's tea. Our lady of the Alberta sunshine is a miracle worker if she only has a chance to show what she can do.

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The Strathcona ladies who had charge of the hospital ball on Thursday last scored a splendid success realizing in the neighborhood of five hundred dollars for their very laudable purpose. The arrangements from all accounts were perfectly ordered, and those who went over from Edmonton report a capital time.

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Twenty-six of the youth and beauty of Edmonton, including several out-of-town visitors, a bride-elect and quantities of lovely carnations, transformed Mrs. Hubbel's artistic home on Fourth Street into a veritable bower of bloom and beauty on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Grace Robertson experienced yet another of the showers which bid fair to develop into a veritable deluge before the end. On this occasion a water-color book with a pretty study in violets as a cover design, continued over two dozen leaves with a dainty doily and the donor's name attached to each.

Tea and delicious dainties were passed around by the girls themselves and a merry afternoon of fun and gossip followed.

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Two bride's reception's have marked the current of the past week's social duties. Mrs. R. A. Robertson's occuring on Thursday and Friday afternoons and Mrs. Macleod's on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Robertson has been more than fortunate in securing a delightfully cosy little flat over Line's Drug Store, where surrounded by the most attractive remembrances from many loving friends she received her guests on Thursday, beautifully gowned in her rich robe des noces of ivory satin with exquisite lace yoke and berthe. Mrs. Sheriff Robertson assisted her in receiving, gowned most becomingly in black, and looking so proud of her very newest daughter.

In a captivating little dining room, done in Flemish oak and overflowing with dainty china and lovely silver, Mrs. Cooper presided at the tea urn, the round table being particularly artistic, centred with a huge bowl of deep crimson carnations on a handsome centrepiece, with the candles shaded with the same colored effective shades. Mrs. Cooper wore a most becoming gown of grey voile, with a large black picture hat with deep red American Beauties at the side.

Miss Robertson, who assisted, was prettily frocked in White organdie and wore a smart little hat in old rose tones.

Friday found a steady stream of callers wending their way on First Street to Mrs. McLeod's post-nuptial reception. The bride received her guests in the drawing room, which was most effectively arranged with many fragrant sweet peas and lovely daffodils, the air being redolent with the perfume of the former. Gowned in a beautiful creation of white liberty silk and embroidered chiffon, the attractive little hostess gave everyone a pretty word of greeting on her arrival and received in return the assurance that her callers were more than pleased to have the opportunity of welcoming her to Edmonton.

Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Hislop presided at the bride-like tea-table, which was a pretty picture with its quantities of pink and white roses and cut-glass candlesticks.

Mrs. Williams received with Mrs. Macleod, while Miss Helen Woods assisted in the tea room.

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Mrs. Silas gave one of the pretty teas of last week, a great many callers enjoying her hospitality.

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Mrs. Short was the hostess of an enjoyable card party on Tuesday evening.

An ante-lenten dinner which was given for the Misses Hudspeth and Miss Brunton claimed Mr. Hawes and Mr. Landry as hosts on Tuesday, the jolly affair taking place in the rose room of the Prince Arthur, which was beautifully decorated with daffodils and ferns. At each place a knot of cut flowers rested. Those enjoying the host's hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Pardee, Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale, the Misses Hudspeth, Miss Brunton and Mr. Landry.

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One of the jolly affairs of the week was Mrs. St. George Jellet's party for young people, when the not-outs had a "perfectly lovely" dance and looked as bonny and enthusiastic as their elder dance devotees. Besides those dancing a few of Mrs. Jellet's friends came in to look on and enjoyed the evening immensely.

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The following gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dinner at Government House on Tuesday: Hon. W. T. Finlay, J. B. Cowell (Clerk of Assembly), W. C. Simmons, M.P.P., F. A. Walker, M.P.P., T. A. Brick, M.P.P., J. B. Holden, M.P.P., R. T. Telford, M.P.P., J. R. McLeod, M.P.P., W. F. Puffer, M.P.P., Rev. Mr. Douglas, G. W. Swaisland, J. H. Morris, Lieut. Colonel E. B. Edwards, Mr. Havelock Babbit.

Past and present met and exchanged greetings on Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Hardisty received for the first time since she has taken possession again of her spacious home, so beautifully situated on the brow of the hill commanding a magnificent view of the Saskatchewan valley.

All afternoon throngs of callers greeted the gracious hostess and strolled for a few minutes through the lovely rooms, which, while the house is comparatively a new one, are so reminiscent of days when a roomier quarters were required to dispense the open handed hospitality of a social queen.

The hostess wore a handsome gown of black silk with lovely lace garniture and tucked yoke of white chiffon, with a corsage knot of pink and white sweet peas. Assisting her was dainty Mrs. Percy Hardisty, attractively gowned in green canvas cloth, made with a bolero jacket effect, inserted with turquoise shaded broadcloth and finished with Persian embroidery.

Through a broad arch-way the guests passed into the large living room, which is music and second drawing room in one Finished in dark wood, with which the quaint and antique furniture harmonize beautifully there is at the left hand side a charming little conservatory, on the right you enter the commodious dining room which has a very fine panelled rose-wood ceiling and sides which give it a remarkably substantial effect. On Tuesday against the dark back ground shone up the dainty frocks of many lovely women, while many softly shaded candles reflected the picture of a quaint old table, centred by a shower of nodding rose-pink carnation faces, half veiled in delicate fern, in a billowy sea of spray-colored tulle. Presiding geniuses at the hospitable board were Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Kinnaird, while Mrs. Pardee served the pink and white ices at a side table. Assisting were Misses Alice McDougall, Gladys McLean, Allinson, Alice Pruyne, Viva and Abby Sommerville.

Throughout the afternoon an orchestra added their low accompaniment to the ceaseless chatter of the devotees of the tea-cup. I think almost two hundred must have paid their devoirs during the tea hour so I shall not attempt a list of names or any mention of the many pretty frocks.

An unusally enjoyable tea claimed Mrs Bruce Powley as hostess on Saturday, when all afternoon a steady stream of callers dropped in for a social quatre heure and a cup of the brew that Canadian women, like their English cousins, are growing to believe an indespensable adjunct to the five o'clock hour.

Mrs. Powley looked extremely well, dressed in pale blue crepe de chine, with pink chiffon flower garniture, a lovely honitan lace berthe and pearl embroidered yoke, and wore a handsome pearl amethyst necklace.

Miss Cameron, her sister, wore a frock of old rose voil, trimmed with little flounces, lace applique and satin bebe ribbon, and ably assisted the hostess in doing the honors.

Many cut flowers added their charms to the cosy home, and the dining room was most attractively arranged, the color scheme being of deep red, relieved with green. An eyelet embroidered centrepiece over red silk held the central shower of lovely red carnations, while the bright effect was further enhanced by the pretty candle shades and the many Christmas decorations which still adorned the room.

Mrs. Holly Ross showed the guests into the tea room, Mrs. Sommerville and Mrs Farquharson poured tea and coffee, Mrs. St. Geo. Gray presided at the ices, while the Misses Dolly Greenwood and Brewer assisted.

Space forbids a list of the many guests who graced the occasion.

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Mrs. Cecil Race's tea on Saturday was another of the happy events that claimed the social world of Edmonton on this usually busy day.

Mrs. Race welcomed her guests, gowned in white crepe de chine with a dainty lace berthe, and looked exceedingly pretty and attractive.

In the tea room, which was beautifully decorated with pink carnation and fern, Mrs. W. D. Ferris and Mrs. Smith presided, while Miss Alice McDougall and several others passed the tempting refreshments.

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Owing to pressure on space and the extraordinary amount of social news to chronicle this week, I can only mention several of the social events that occurred at the last moment.

Mrs. Bulyea's reception for the Hon. Mrs. Synge on Thursday afternoon at Government House was a very smart affair indeed, quite the prettiest floral decorations being employed, and apparently everyone being present to meet this charming woman.

The mistress of Government House received her guests in the lovely gown she wore at the opening, a brown embroidered chiffon, very elaborately appliqued with the same shade of silk, and having quantities of lace disposed on the ex

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